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**Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852**

**Re: 98N-1230  
96P-0418  
97P-0197**

**Gentlemen:**

**The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as force molting, that injure human health.**

**Please prohibit the practice of forced molting which has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. Force molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs.**

**The FDA must do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.**

**The cruelty to these birds and contamination to the public are linked. Please ban force molting without further delay.**

**Sincerely,**

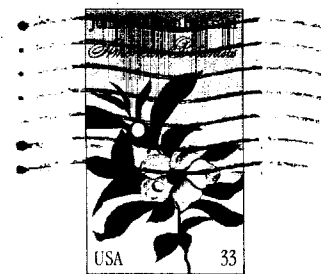


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